

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I simply CAN not pay more for my telephone service than I am paying now. I am retired, on a fixed income and live in an extremely remote area. My telephone is the most vital connection I have to the rest of the world. I have only been able to afford a pre-paid cell phone, (which I badly need for safety purposes) this year and the thought of the already high rates becoming even higher would be a genuine threat to my life. I use a pre-paid phone card for all my long distance calls (most of the calls I make) and that is the only way financially that I can keep in touch with friends. PLEASE think of citizens like me and REJECT a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. This proposal would make my current services unaffordable.

For low use volume residential customers to bear the same universal service fund burden as a high volume residential or large business customers is ridiculous and would penalize and hurt many, many people.

I use my wireless phone for safety and security ONLY - NEVER for convenience. I don't want to lose that desperately needed service so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to think of the many citizens such as me and reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee, which would be unjust and hurt more already struggling citizens than you know.

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Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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